

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending and stand rejected. The rejected independent claims are claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12. All claims are rejected as obvious from *Zhang* (U.S. Patent Application 2005/0157680) in view of *Odenwalder* (U.S. Patent Application 2002/0159410).

Figures

A revised Figure 2 is now provided, in order to correct a slight error that is shown in red ink.

The *Zhang* Reference Was Filed After the Priority Date of the Present Application

The present application's priority date (16 March 2004) is before the filing date of *Zhang* (10 September 2004), but after *Zhang*'s provisional date (5 November 2003). Applicant therefore respectfully traverses these rejections. Applicant has obtained the *Zhang* provisional application (filed 5 November 2003) using the online PAIR database, and Applicant respectfully submits that the *Zhang* provisional application does not support the portions of the *Zhang* regular application cited in the Office Action.

For example, the Office Action refers (at pages 2 and 4) to element 115 in *Zhang*'s FIG. 1, but no such element is present in the figures of the *Zhang* provisional application. The Office Action refers (at page 4) to *Zhang*'s abstract which includes five sentences, but the abstract in the *Zhang* provisional application only includes two sentences. The Office Action refers repeatedly to the first paragraph of *Zhang*'s summary which includes six sentences, but the entire summary in *Zhang*'s provisional application only contains two sentences. Likewise, the Office Action refers repeatedly to paragraphs 25-28 of the *Zhang* regular application, but the *Zhang* provisional application does not contain any paragraphs like paragraphs 25-28 of the regular application.

New Claims

New claims 14-49 are now introduced. All of the new claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, and introduce no new matter. Further dependent claims 14-18 and 21-23 have been added to claim the alternatives set forth on pages 14-15 of the application. Dependent claims 19-20 cover the acknowledgment between the “other” network element (110) and the UE (160). New claims 24 - 45 have been added to depend from the independent data structure claims to more particularly claim the various parameters described in the specification but not previously claimed.

Regarding new claim 46, this claim states that both a cell specific parameter and a link specific parameter are used. The idea of using both types of parameters is disclosed in the present application as originally filed. Due to the nature of an E-DCH uplink, there are certain things that are cell specific, and thus it is better not to give all such information as link-specific. It is advantageous that the radio links (of different mobile devices) be set up and/or configured independently from the other mobile devices. Additionally, new claim 46 states that the cell specific parameter and radio specific parameter are sent in respective messages (instead of together in any single message). This aspect of the present invention was discussed in the present application as originally filed, where it is explained that cell specific parameters can be included in various messages, and that radio link specific parameters can be included in various different messages, and otherwise a new message can be defined for the radio link parameters.

CONCLUSION

Early allowance of the independent claims, and the pending claims depending therefrom, is earnestly solicited. Applicant would be grateful if the Examiner would please contact Applicant's attorney by telephone if the Examiner detects anything in the pending claims that might hinder allowance.

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